Information Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Part C and D Reporting Requirements; *Use:* Section 1857(e)(1) and Section 1860D–12(b)(3)(D) of the Social Security Act (the Act) provides broad authority for the Secretary to add terms to the contracts with Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and Part D sponsors, including terms that require the sponsor to provide the Secretary with information as the Secretary may find necessary and appropriate. Pursuant to our statutory authority, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) codified these information collection requirements for MAOs in regulation at 42 CFR 422.516 and for Part D sponsors in regulation at 42 CFR 423.514.

The data collected through the reporting requirements for MAOs and Part D sponsors are used by CMS and other stakeholders for oversight, monitoring, compliance, and performance evaluation. CMS staff use the data to monitor and hold organizations accountable, while academic researchers and governmental entities such as the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) have inquired about this information collection. Reported data may be used for CMS performance metrics such as the Medicare Part C and D Star Ratings and Display Measures, and analyzed for program oversight to ensure the availability, accessibility, and acceptability of sponsors' services. *Form Number:* CMS–10185 (OMB control number: 0938–0992); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits; *Number of Respondents:* 758; *Total Annual Responses:* 35,196; *Total Annual Hours:* 88,504. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Bindu Aryal at 410–786–6987 or *bindu.aryal@cms.hhs.gov.*)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Title Central Authority Payment Service (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for Public Comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Administration of Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is requesting the Office of Management and Budget to approve a new information collection, Central Authority Payment Service (CAP). Participating state child support agencies (CSAs)and foreign authorities will use CAP to send or receive child support payments electronically.

DATES: *Comments due April 9, 2026.*

ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202603-0970-004.* You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing *infocollection@acf.hhs.gov.* Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: OCSE is the federal agency that oversees the national child support enforcement program and is the U.S. Central Authority for international child support. OCSE is mandated to facilitate locating noncustodial parents, establishing paternity, establishing and enforcing support orders, modifying orders, and collecting and disbursing child support payments. It is also required to provide technical assistance and training to state CSAs to process and enforce national and international child support.

To help states eliminate the burden of sending child support payments through international Automated Clearing House, by wire, OCSE developed CAP, which is a centralized and secure hub for participating states to send international child support payments. After consolidating payments from states, CAP sends one payment to each foreign authority through established federal international electronic payment channels. Payments are converted to applicable currency and distributed by the foreign authority to the custodial parent in their country according to secure case and payment details provided through CAP. To participate, states and foreign authorities must enroll in the CAP service to transmit or receive payments.

Respondents: State CSAs and the foreign authorities.

Annual Burden Estimates: Based on the current enrollment status, OCSE anticipates 46 states and 13 foreign authorities to implement CAP or maintain their CAP contacts over the next three years.

Instrument	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
State Contact Form	46	1	0.08	3.68
Foreign Authority Contact Form	13	1	0.12	1.56
Estimated Annual Burden Hours:				5.24

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 652(n), 652(a)(7), and 659A(c)(3)

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